

REMARKS

This Response is prepared in response to the final Office action (Paper No. 20050930) mailed on 12 October 2005. Claims 1-20 are pending.

In Paper No. 20050930, the Examiner repeated and finalized the rejection of Paper No. 20050616. The Examiner stated in Paper No. 20050930 that the upper edge of third enclosure 230 of Matsuoka is the flange and that reference numeral 221 of Matsuoka is the base and that the flange is perforated by holes. Applicant has reviewed Paper No. 20050930 and has the following comments:

1. Base 221 of second enclosure 220 of Matsuoka '451 has its own flange 222a at a top thereof.

The Examiner's position in Paper No. 20050616 has been that reference numeral 230 of Matsuoka '451 is a flange and is perforated by holes. Applicant disagreed in Applicant's August 31 response. In Paper No. 20050930, the Examiner replied by saying that the top portion of reference numeral 230 of Matsuoka is a flange perforated by holes while reference numeral 221 of Matsuoka is the base. Applicant disagrees.

Applicant submits that FIG. 2 of Matsuoka clearly shows that base 221 of Matsuoka has its own flange, that being reference numeral 222a. Flange 222a runs along the top of base 221 and provides strength to base 221. Because of this, Applicant submits that

reference numeral 230 can not also serve to be a flange of base 221 of Matsuoka when base 221 has 222a. Also because of this, Applicant submits that it can not be said that reference numeral 230, even the upper part of reference numeral 230 of Matsuoka, can be considered to provide strength to base 221. This is important because a flange is at an edge and provides strength. The upper edge of 230 in Matsuoka is not at an edge of base 221 and does not provide strength to base 221. Because of this, Applicant submits that third enclosure 230 can not serve as a flange to base 221. Therefore, the rejection is without merit.

2. Flange 231 of Matsuoka is no where near the top edge of base 221

In Applicant's claims, Applicant claims that there is a flange at a top edge of the base. In Paper Nos. 20050616 and 20050930, the Examiner states that reference numeral 221 of Matsuoka is the base and reference numeral 230 is the flange and that the flange 230 runs at a top edge of base 221. Applicant disagrees. Applicant submits that the upper portion of part 230 of Matsuoka does not run near the top edge of base 221.

As is clearly evidenced by FIG. 1 of Matsuoka, reference numeral 222a is shown to run along the top edge of base 221. Far below upper margin 222a, even below hole 223, is the upper part of part 230. Applicant asks the Examiner to look at reference numeral 223 in both FIGS. 1 and 2 of Matsuoka and note that the upper part of reference numeral 230 is below reference numeral 223. And since reference numeral 223 is far below the top of base 221, it can not be said that reference numeral 230 is a flange that runs along a top edge of

base 221. Therefore, the rejection is without merit.

In Applicant's claims, Applicant claims that the flange is arranged to prevent the base from bending. Applicant submits that the upper portion of reference numeral 230 can not serve to prevent base 221 from bending since it is not located near the upper edge of base 221. The upper edge of reference numeral 230 is not located at a location where it can be considered to provide strength to base 221. Therefore, the rejection is again without merit since it fails to meet Applicant's claim limitations.

3. Edge 222a of Matsuoka is not perforated by one or more holes.

Applicant claims a flange on a top side of a base, the flange being perforated by one or more holes. Applicant submits that edge 222a, which is the upper edge of base 221, is clearly shown in FIG. 2 of Matsuoka as not being perforated by a hole. Therefore, even if edge 222a of Matsuoka is to be considered a flange of base 221, Matsuoka fails to teach Applicant's claims as edge 222a of Matsuoka is clearly shown as not being perforated by any hole.

4. The upper edge of third enclosure 230 is not perforated by one or more holes.

Even if the upper edge of third enclosure 230 is to be considered to be a flange to base 221, Applicant submits that the upper edge of third enclosure 230 in Matsuoka is not perforated by one or more holes. This is clearly illustrated in FIG. 2 of Matsuoka, a figure

reproduced by the Examiner in Paper No. 20050930, where the item that the Examiner deems to be the flange is clearly shown as not being perforated by any hole.

5. There is no teaching in Matsuoka that the upper edge of third enclosure 230 is perforated by one or more holes.

In Paper No. 20050930, the Examiner turns to FIG. 8 of Matsuoka for a teaching that top edge of 230 is perforated. Applicant disagrees. Applicant submits that the top edge of third enclosure 230 in FIG. 8 is not shown and thus it can not be inferred from FIG. 8 of Matsuoka that the top edge of the third enclosure 230 is perforated.

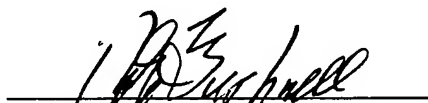
In Paper No. 20050930, the Examiner states and illustrates that the arrow going through the top edge of the third enclosure 230 in FIG. 1 of Matsuoka infers that this top edge is perforated by holes. Applicant disagrees. Applicant submits that the arrow the Examiner is referring to in FIG. 1 of Matsuoka depicts air rising from between board 20 and base 221. Applicant submits that the arrow does in no way infer that the upper edge of third enclosure 230 is perforated. And even if it was, the rejection is still without merit as the upper edge of 230 is not a flange for base 221, is not located at an upper edge of base 221, and can not serve to prevent base 221 from bending as previously discussed.

In view of the above, it is submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are patentable over the cited references, taken either alone or combination and accordingly should now be in a conditions suitable for allowance.

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon all of the claims now present in the application is respectfully requested.

No fee is incurred by this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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